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U.S. Is Considering Double Nike Shield If Soviet Talks Fail

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s High Administration officials
are reported to be leaning to-
ward a two-phase Nike-X
missile defense for the United
States should talks with the
Soviet Union fail to produce a
freeze on antimissile deploy-
ments.

One element of the Nike-X system would erect a tight shield around Minuteman missile sites to guard them against a surprise Soviet strike. The other would provide a thin defense around the entire country primarily designed to protect against an attack by Communist China, informed sources said.

In discussing the new defense budget last week, Pentagon officials would talk only about the possible Minuteman defense. They said the deployment they had in mind would cost from \$4-billion to \$5-billion.

Other sources have disclosed that the deployment under consideration would not only guard the principal offensive missiles from attack, but also provide a so-called "area defense" sufficient to protect the whole country from the kind of assault the Chinese may be capable of launching by the mid-nineteen-seventies.

- Such an area defense should
be able to intercept a relatively
small-scale accidental or un-

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Proceed Hoving

By MURRAY SCHUMACH

August Heckscher, cultural adviser to Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy, was named yesterday by Mayor Lindsay to succeed Thomas P. F. Hoving as Administrator of Recreation and Cultural Affairs and Commissioner of Parks.

In a news conference that followed the Mayor's announcement in the crowded Blue Room at City Hall, the 53-year-old, gray-haired director of the Twentieth Century Fund, when he was asked whether he intended to follow his predecessor's pattern of staging "happenings," replied.

"I won't do exactly what Tom d. We had Hoving Happen-
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an's personality is different.

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